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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following documents of which Applicants have been made aware. The documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed. Applicants also submit a copy of the European Search Report.

It is requested that the references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record as part of the available prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

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